



Holy Childhood Association Annual Christmas Artwork Contest 2011-2012

Announcing the **2011-2012 Holy Childhood Association (HCA) Christmas Artwork Contest!** Your students could see their artwork appear as **Christmas e-greetings on HCA's website for kids** – www.hcakids.org – and displayed at the **Basilica of the National Shrine** of the Immaculate Conception **in Washington, D.C.** during Advent and Christmas 2012. **Twenty-three** different drawings will be chosen as winners and their artwork will be reproduced as **2012 HCA Christmas e-greetings**. One grand prize winner will be selected and his / her artwork reproduced as the official Christmas card of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States. All winners receive **a commemorative plaque**. Contest winners will be **notified in spring 2012** and **announced to Catholic media in fall 2012**. To enter, please complete this entire form and attach it (with tape) to the **back** of each student's entry. Please type or print. Artwork will not be accepted without this form. **Do not** glue or staple this form to artwork. **Mail entries to: HCA Artwork Contest 70 West 36th Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10018.**

Student Name _____

Please circle: Boy Girl Grade _____

Please circle: Catholic School Parish RE/CCD Home School

Name of School or RE/CCD _____

Principal / CCD Director _____

School or Parish Address _____

School or Parish Phone # _____

Arch/Diocese _____

Student's Home Address as of July 2012 _____

Parent / Guardian _____

Student's Home Telephone Number as of July 2012 _____

GUIDELINES

- The contest is open to all Catholic school students and CCD/RE program and home school students currently enrolled in grades K-8. All entries must be postmarked and / or received by the National Office no later than **January 31, 2012.**

- Each entry (drawing) **MUST** have the following information printed on the back: **child's name, grade and school or RE/CCD name, address and phone number, principal's name and / or RE/CCD Director's name as well as the name of the diocese or archdiocese.** Please copy the entry form on next page and use it for this purpose. **PLEASE USE TAPE TO SECURE THE ENTRY FORM TO THE BACK OF THE DRAWING. DO NOT GLUE OR STAPLE ENTRY FORM TO ARTWORK. DON'T FOLD ARTWORK!**

- Please be sure to complete this entire information for each entry, so we can identify and notify winning artists—otherwise, children might miss their chance of winning!

- All entries become the property of the HCA national office, which reserves the right to depict all or part of the selected illustrations. It is not possible for the national office to offer any compensation for entries or to return them, whether or not they are used.

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

- Artwork must be on an **8.5" x 11"** sheet of **WHITE** paper — no construction or lined paper. White card stock is okay.

- The illustration **must be depicted HORIZONTALLY.**

- Students must illustrate one of the subjects listed under the heading "Subjects."

- Acceptable media includes crayons, pastels, markers, tempera or watercolor paints. **PLEASE — NO LEAD OR COLOR PENCILS.**

- **Artwork must be the child's own.**

Tracings and direct copies of other art cannot be considered. Students selected as finalists will be asked to validate the originality of their artwork.

SUBJECTS

- **The Nativity** (a manger scene, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, animals)

- **Three Wise Men** (presentation of gifts or following the star)

- **Shepherds** (with sheep, in fields, seeing the angel, or visiting the manger)

- **Mother and Child** (Mary with her infant son)

- **Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem**

- **Newborn Jesus in manger**

- **The Angel Gabriel**

HELPFUL HINTS

- Use a lot of eye-catching color. Bolder colors reproduce best. Lightly colored artwork will not show up well if reduced.

- Be careful to erase or cover pencil outlines.

- Fill up most of the page, being careful not to let the main parts of the drawing get too close to the edges of the paper.

- Make sure facial features on people and animals are bold (e.g. nose, eyes, lips, etc.) so they will reproduce well.

Please note: Due to the volume of entries received, we are unable to personally acknowledge entries. Winners will be posted to our website at www.hcakids.org by NOVEMBER 2012.
